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SUBJ: UNEP INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS - LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENT  
FUND

1. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH 32 MEMBERS OF THE GOVER-  
NING COUNCIL REPRESENTED AND 10 NON-MEMBER OBSERVERS  
DISCUSSED THE FUTURE LEVEL OF THE ENVIRONMENT FUND AT  
THREE SESSIONS. BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WAS EXDIR TOLBA(S  
REQUEST THAT FOR PERIOD 1978-82 THE FUND BE SET AT A  
LEVEL OF DOLS 190 MILLION AND THAT PLEDGES BE MADE BY  
MEMBERS FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME. CLEAR CONSENSUS  
DEVELOPED IN DISCUSSIONS LED BY JAPAN, CANADA, NETHER-  
LANDS, SWEDEN, AND US THAT PLEDGE FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD  
OUT OF THE QUESTION AND THAT FIGURE OF DOLS 190 MILLION  
WAY OUT OF THE BALL PARK.

2. ONLY SWITZERLAND INDICATED THAT IT WAS THINKING OF  
INCREASING ITS CONTRIBUTION, ADDING THAT IT WOULD  
PROBABLY PLEDGE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. THE FRG STATED  
THAT ALONG WITH OTHERS IT HAD DIFFICULTY WITH PLEDGE FOR  
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A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL,  
BONN HAD EARMARKED 4.5 MILLION DM FOR 1978. OTHER  
SPEAKERS REITERATED THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR UNEP  
BUT MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC FUTURE PLEDGE AND DENMARK  
INDICATED IT HAD SLOWED DOWN ITS ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION  
AND STATED THAT WHILE ITS INTEREST IN UNEP WOULD NOT  
FLAG IT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE AT THE SAME PACE

AS HERETOFORE. SWEDEN THOUGHT IT BEST TO GATHER A FEW MORE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BEFORE INCREASING ITS CONTRIBUTION.

3. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO KENYA OTA OPENED THE GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE FUND POINTING TO THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN UNEP'S RATE OF PERFORMANCE IN 1976 (DOLS 20 MILLION) AND THE RATE OF PERFORMANCE REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR 1978 AND BEYOND - AN AVERAGE OF DOLS 38 MILLION PER YEAR. THE CONSENSUS COALESCED AROUND HIS STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE RECORD DID NOT SHOW THAT UNEP WAS READY TO OPERATE AT THAT RATE. JAPAN ALONG WITH OTHERS (INCLUDING USSR, SCANDINAVIA, ETC.) EMPHASIZED UNEP'S CATALYTIC ROLE AND THAT IT SHOULD AVOID OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS.

4. US STATEMENT WAS THAT WE INTEND MAKE OUR PLEDGE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE APPROVED MID-TERM PLAN AND BIENNIAL BUDGET. WE STATED FURTHER THAT WHILE WE COULD NOT MAKE COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME, WE HOPE TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF OUR LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PERIOD OF THE BIENNIUM AT GCV. WE ASSUMED THAT THE US CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH US SUPPORT TO UNEP THUS FAR AND MENTIONED THE DOLS 10 MILLION FOR UNEP IN FY77. APPROPRIATION LEGISLATION.CATTO

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